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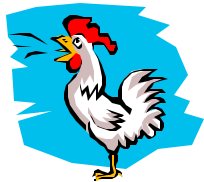
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were generally trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was mostly slow to fair, best for ads and deli's in parts of the Midwest. Food service was fair to good. Supplies were adequate to ample, often long for larger sizes in the Northeast. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were in the closest positions and clearing. Other breast items were not as plentiful and discounting had decreased, however, supplies still outweighed demand and traded at lower levels. Dark meat was usually sufficient with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable to slightly heavier.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/17-07/21/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	44.00-49.00	38.00-61.25	48.13	22
Los Angeles	65.00			
New York	48.00-53.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-60.00	44.00-62.00	59.65	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 59.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
607	56.75-62.00	59.57
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	133.00	4,125
BREASTS - WHOLE	65.50	1,195
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.50	665
LEG QUARTERS	22.00	8,075
WINGS	54.50	2,755

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady at best. Demand was slow to fair and continued to show little trade activity. Supplies were at least sufficient and readily available for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were in balance to barely adequate with all other items adequate to ample. Trading was light, best for wings. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged. Trading reported for next week's deliveries were mixed. Offerings fully adequate. Buying activity slow in developing to fair. Demand moderate overall. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads in Southern California: whole cut-up 69-99, whole legs 1.29, bulk leg quarters 29, thighs or drumsticks 59-129, wings 99-129, boneless breasts 199-399, bone-in breasts 100-179 and boneless leg meat 98-99.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority into Chicago for next week's delivery was unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was generally steady. Additional product offerings limited on whole fryers, adequate to ample for Wogs. Retail movement showed little improvement going into weekend, except in the St. Louis area delicatessen orders were fairly good. Retail features noted in Ohio on drums and thighs at 79 cents. Food service demand was mixed, light to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to ample, sizes desirable. Parts trading was inactive to light overall with most buyers taking a wait and see attitude. Supplies were fully adequate to burdensome on boneless/skinless breasts, fully adequate on bone-in breasts, barely adequate to tight on wings and tenderloins, balance of items adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on wings and tenderloins, steady on dark meat items and cautiously steady to weak on breast items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light. Offerings outweighed current trade requirements and larger sizes were in the most available position. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was steady at best. In the parts market, supplies were at least adequate to ample in covering the limited demand. Wings and tenders continued to generate the best inquiry. All other items were barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best entering the weekend. Seller offerings varied in size and volume but were more than sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were in best balance and clearing. Breast items were barely steady to weak and competitively priced. All other items were at least adequate for the light and unaggressive buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		48-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		56.70
NO. OF BOXES		7,759
CUMULATIVE	07/10/00-07/14/00	56.14
	07/12/99-07/16/99	60.52
NO. OF BOXES	07/10/00-07/14/00	40,232
	07/12/99-07/16/99	35,904

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	949	121.00-183.00	130-140	139.96	664	107.00-183.00	125-130	127.56	3,573	133.75
TENDERLOINS	168	167.00-205.00	170-175	173.81	284	160.00-205.00	160-170	176.13	1,180	174.95
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	61.00-74.00	-	62.00	104	61.00-74.00	62-65	62.00	493	65.76
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				360	54.56
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				86	27.00-39.00	27-28	27.84	316	28.37
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	268	18.00-20.00	18-19	18.36	748	16.00-20.00	17-19	17.91	2,732	18.04
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,136	19.00-22.50	21-22	21.63	1,336	19.00-23.00	21-22	21.15	5,893	21.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	51.00-54.00	52-53	52.89	103	51.00-57.00	52-54	53.62	438	53.04
WINGS (CUT)	451	57.00-82.00	61-63	63.80	524	61.00-83.00	62-65	64.36	3,867	61.02
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	39.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				142	35.31
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				72	59.54

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR JULY 13, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

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TODAY'S**5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

34.00 - 38.50

36.05

33.00 - 39.50

36.21

36.32

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest ended the week quietly and showing few signs of improvement. Offerings remained more than adequate to ample. Bone-in breasts were slightly better as discounting began to lessen. Boneless, skinless breasts were moving better, however, pricing was still well below current market levels. Wings and tenders continued to be in the best positions. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow to fair at best. The market tone was steady on wings and tenders. The balance was barely steady to weak. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	123.59	460,140		115120.94	447,640	127.992,328,640			
TENDERLOINS	160	166.27	108,640		160169.86	137,560	166.52 561,610			
BREAST - WITH RIBS	49-50	56.50	320,280		49-5057.34	247,600	61.361,402,620			
BREAST - LINE RUN	49	47.33	160,520		4950.62120,200	51.22	794,040			35-36
LEGS	35-36	38.27	168,480		37.19241,120	37.30	1,256,840			22-23
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.15	482,237		23.03490,088	24.42	2,487,264			36-37
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	39.42	131,540		40.3490,110	39.51	571,110			22-23
THIGHS	22-23	24.46	187,770		26.19195,450	26.97	842,220			81-82
B/S THIGHS	83-84	85.08	31,640		83.5349,160	84.65	240,180			56-57
WINGS (WHOLE)	56-57	66.91	264,552		66.27251,240	66.19	1,444,192			10-12
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	49,440		12.0166,560	11.96	298,420			30-35
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.60	31,360		34.2347,120	33.70	182,970			40-45
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.66	51,240		44.8670,360	44.92	272,250			

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	07/14	07/13	07/12	07/11	07/12	07/11	07/07	07/05
ALA	4,308	3,987	3,760	3,854	4.88	4.82	3,947	4.90
ARK	5,730	5,376	4,955	5,224	4.83	4.79	5,168	4.84
DELMARVA	2,381	2,428	2,409	2,360	5.13	5.14	2,481	5.14
KY-LA-TN	2,077	2,087	1,941	1,708	4.34	4.41	2,065	4.51
MISS	3,285	2,876	3,704	2,570	4.89	4.88	2,767	5.46
NC	3,077	2,676	2,619	2,594	5.76	6.01	2,590	5.83
TEXAS	2,360	2,343	2,331	2,261	4.71	4.73	2,345	4.70
TOTAL	23,218	21,773	21,719	20,571	4.94	4.93	21,363	5.05
MON-FRI	110,558(A)				85,726(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Jul & 15-Jul-00 is estimated to be 34,737,000 up 11.43 percent from a week ago and down 0.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 34,822,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 15-Jul-00 is estimated to be 158,412,000 head up 16.8 percent from a week ago, and unchanged percent from a year ago (Last week 135,659,000 Last year 158,335,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	79-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 102-104
	ICE PACK 92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-111
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98
	ICE PACK 94
DUCKS	148-160

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending July 1, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	27,193	34,195	39,102
Avg Weight	3.65	4.80	6.01
% of total /1	27%	34%	39%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	32,923	30,953	44,128
Avg Weight	3.77	4.86	5.97
% of total /1	30%	29%	41%
Same week, yr ago /2	33,393	36,120	44,054
Avg Weight	3.81	4.75	5.92
% of total /1	29%	32%	39%
To date/2000	864,057	832,593	1,080,010
To date/1999	846,445	730,769	1,146,228

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 08-Jul-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	135,659 (A)	1,262	1,086	2,348	379
AVG WT	4.98	3.54	7.42	5.25	6.50
LAST WEEK	164,971	1,956	1,301	3,257	477
YR AGO	136,199	1,797	1,385	3,182	378
AVG WT	4.94	3.37	7.83	4.23	6.25
2000	4,159,310	53,143	37,598	90,741	12,147
1999	4,076,328	58,651	36,800	95,451	11,960

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 137.3 million head or 20.4 million head less than or 87 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 11, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Red Fowl 5-6	.60 - .84	Silkie	3.00 - 4.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.48 - 1.58	Geese 4-9	.10 - .18
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.50 - 1.58	Pigeons	2.00 - 3.10ea.
Pekin Ducks	.32 - .62	White Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.34 - .62	Rabbits 4-6	.10 - .56
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.60 - .92	Rabbits 7-11	.20 - .54
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.40 - 1.10	Bunnies	.10 - 2.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.40 - 1.04	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.00 - 2.45	Goats	35.00 - 60.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 7.00ea.	Kid Goats	20.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 4.00ea.	Doves	3.75 - 5.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.14 - .22	Pullets 4-6	.60 - 1.02
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .62		

Total Coops Sold 865

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 10-JUL-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	41-44	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83	60-65
SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES		
12 OZ.	60.48-69.66	
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14	
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43	

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to instances fairly good. Sizes were desirable to light and caused some slaughter schedules to be reduced this week. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 10-JUL-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	3	145.3	156.4	93	5.03
	10	161.2	157.3	102	4.86
	17	161.7	158.5	102	4.90
	24	161.6	158.8	102	5.03
JULY	1	167.0	158.7	105	5.01
	8	137.3	157.7	87	4.98
YEAR TO DATE		4210.0	4148.7	101	
	15		157.4		
	22		158.1		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 08-Jul-00 IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 3,536 HD, 17,751 lbs., Light Hens 172 HD, 585 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	07/15/00	07/08/00	% CHG	07/17/99	% CHG
Broilers	158,412	135,659	+17	158,335	0
Cattle	721	600	+20	706	+02
Hogs	1,834	1,473	+25	1,891	-03

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of canners were fully sufficient for trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive. Most buyers were cautious but not pushing for lower levels. The undertone was mixed and unsettled but generally no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 25-26 MAJORITY	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 24.5-27.75 MAJORITY 27-27.75
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 24.25-28 MAJORITY 25-26	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 28-30 MAJORITY 29-30
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EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the unaggressive demand. Processing schedules for next week range from less than normal to normal schedules. Finished product was fully adequate for most trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings mostly ample for current needs. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.5	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	0

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand remained slow and unaggressive for ample offerings of heavy hens. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. The market tone was at best barely steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was no better than moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Finished sales were slow with schedules full at most plants. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings easily adequate.

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